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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The above patent application is currently before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 16, 2009. The unextended deadline for submitting an appeal brief expired on December 16, 2009. This Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination are being submitted within the allowable period, including a maximum 5 month extension, for filing an appeal brief, which will expire on July 16, 2010.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently with this Amendment and the Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for Extension of Time, requesting a 5 month extension of the allowable period in which to file an appeal brief, and authorizing payment for the same.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.